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Public Comment Sought on Report About Stream Impairments in Hardwick Creek Watershed *Comment period ends June 24*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 23, 2013) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comment until June 24, 2013, on a draft report addressing E. coli impairments in five stream segments within the Hardwick Creek watershed located in Powell and Estill counties.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters where designated uses are not being met and water quality impairments exist. The state is also required to prioritize the list of impaired waters, calculate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality.

The report, prepared by the Kentucky Division of Water (DOW), addresses E. coli impairments in the Hardwick Creek Watershed at levels that make it inappropriate for the Primary Contact Recreation (swimming) designated use. The report includes data and procedures used to calculate the TMDL for the five stream segments. The DOW is also asking for comments on new bacteria impairments found within the Hardwick Creek watershed during TMDL development.

Revisions to the report may be made following the public comment period and before it is sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The report may be viewed on the DOW website at <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>. Comments should be sent in writing to Hui Chen, Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by email to Hui.Chen@ky.gov.

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